

Exploring calorimetry new dimensions: a novel approach to maximize the performances of space experiments for high-energy cosmic rays.

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The CaloCube Collaboration



Participants:

- INFN: Catania/Messina, Florence, Milano (Bicocca), Pisa, Pavia, Trieste
- CNR-IMM Catania (dichroic filter deposition+ SiC photodiods)
- IMCB-CNR Napoli (Surface treatments and WLS deposition)
- Contacts with CNR Firenze
- In this presentation: scientific backgrounds (briefly), the CaloCube proposal, calorimeter performance (simulations and beam tests).

Cosmic Ray Spectrum



- From hundreds GeV up to 100 TeV is well approximated by a single power law ~ E^{-2.7}
- Structure around PeV, the Knee: energy limit of galactic accelerators?
- Very steep flux
- Large acceptance for high energy cosmic rays measurements is required
- Indirect measurements on earth: very large acceptance \rightarrow high statistics \rightarrow high energy
- Issue: affected by large systematic errors

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Future satellite experiments

Direct measurement: limit in energy due to small acceptance:

- Nuclei below 100 TeV/n
- Electron+positron below 1 TeV

Direct measurements of cosmic ray proton and nuclei spectra up to 1 PeV/n and electron spectrum above 1 TeV require:

- Acceptance of few m²sr
- Energy resolution better than 40% for nuclei and 2% for electrons.
- Good charge identification and electron proton rejection power (at least 10⁵)
- High dynamic range

Typical payload limitations:

- Mass (~10³ Kg)
- Power (~10³ W)
- Down link capability (~10² Gb/day)
- Volumes (few m³)

The Challenge

- Deep homogeneous isotropic calorimeter: accepts particles from all the directions
- Large acceptance due to 5 faces detection, mechanical supports and earth on bottom side
- 3D segmentation: good e/p rejection, identification of shower axis and shower starting point

Calocube baseline design

- 20x20x20 cubic crystals Csl(Tl)
- Side = Moliere radius (3.6 cm)
- Double photodiode readout
- Double gain front-end electronics



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MonteCarlo simulations

- Based on FLUKA package
- 20x20x20 CsI(TI) crystals, side ~ Moliere radius
- Support structures are in carbon fiber
- Gap between crystals: 0.3 cm
- Energy deposit in scintillating crystals are converted into photo-electrons using:
 - CsI(TI) light yield (54000 ph/MeV)
 - light collection (~ Active area of PD / Area of one face)
 - quantum efficiency of PD @ 550 nm (emission peak of CsI(TI))
- Energy deposit in PD due to ionization is taken into account

NxNxN	20x20x20		
crystal side (cm)	3.6		
crystal volume (cm ³)	46.7		
gap (cm)	0.3		
mass (kg)	1685		
number of crystals	8000		
size (m³)	0.78x0.78x0.78		
depth (R.L.) " (I.L.)	39x39x39 1.8x1.8x1.8		
planar GF (m²sr) *	1.91		

* GF only for one surface

- Protons and electrons simulated with an isotropic generation on the top surface of the calorimeter
- GF of 5 faces = 9.55 m²sr
- **a** Effective geometric factor \rightarrow GF_{eff} = GF_{5faces} * $\varepsilon_{selection}$

Electron energy resolution

- Isotropic flux of electrons from 100 GeV to 1 TeV
- Event selection: length of shower at least 22 X₀
 - Selection efficiency ~ 36%
 - Effective GF = 3.4 m²sr
 - Energy resolution ~ 2 %
 - Direct ionization on PD ~ 1.7% of the mean signal
 - Low energy tails due to leakage and energy loss in passive materials (carbon fiber structures)



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Proton energy resolution





- An increase in effective geometric factor (from ~ 0.8 m²sr to ~ 3.5 m²sr) translates in an increase of the energy resolution (from ~ 28% to ~37%)
- Energy resolution depends very weakly on the value of the primary particle energy up to PeV region

Geometry & Materials

Optimization of energy resolution and acceptance for protons

Same simulations and analysis with different materials and distance among crystals (gap)

	CsI:Tl	\mathbf{BaF}_2	YAP:Yb	BGO	LYSO:Ce
$\ell~(cm)$	3.60	3.20	2.40	2.30	2.10
gap (cm)	0.30	0.27	0.20	0.19	0.18
N° cristalli	$20\times 20\times 20$	$22\times22\times22$	28 imes 28 imes 28	27 imes27 imes27	30 imes 30 imes 30
L(cm)	78.00	76.34	72.80	67.23	68.40
$\lambda_{\rm I}$ totali (λ_{I})	1.80	2.31	3.09	2.72	3.01
\mathbf{X}_0 totali (X_0)	38.88	34.73	24.96	55. <mark>5</mark> 4	53.75
G $(m^2 sr)$	9.56	9.15	8.32	7.10	7.35

- Cube of cubes, 1 Moliere-radius size each
- Total weight ~2 tons
- Active-volume fraction 78%

Best choice dictated by balance between size (**density of the absorber**) and showercontainment (**interaction length**), which determine energy resolution

All the five geometries satisfy the basic requirements by providing an effective geometrical factor of at least 2.5 m²sr with an energy resolution better than 40%.

Prototype v1

15 Layers

- 3 x 3 Csl(Tl) crystals in each layer
- Crystal side ~ Moliere radius (3.6 cm)
 - → ~ 1.5 R_M shower containment
- 🥃 Gap 0.4 cm
- A big PD (VTH2090, 84.64 mm²) for each crystal
- A small PD (VTH9412, 1.6 mm²) for 3 crystals

Depth for vertical track:

- active depth 28.4 $X_0 \rightarrow 1.35 \lambda_1$

Wrapping materials:

- Version 1.0: Teflon
- Version 1.2: Vikuiti
- 3 front-end electronics board:
 - ✤ 9 CASIS chip, 3 ADC

Three upgrades (v1.0-1-2), tested with particle beams

Feb 2013	v1.0	lons Pb+Be 13-30 GeV/u
Mar 2015	v1.1	lons Ar+Poly 19-30 GeV/u
Aug/Sep 2015	v1.2	μ, π,e 50-75-150-180 GeV

Front-end electronics

ASIC chip CASIS (HIDRA) developed by INFN Trieste

- 16 (28) channels
- Charge Sensitive Amplifier
- Double-gain 1:20 with an automatic gainselection circuitry
- Correlated Double Sampling (CDS) filter.



PERFORMANCE

→High dynamic: from ~fC to 52.6 pC →Low noise (ENC ~ 2280e⁻ + 7.6e⁻/pF) →Low power consumption: 2.8 mW/channel



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Prototype v1.0 exposed to ion beams of 13 and 30 GeV/n (Feb-2013 @CERN-SPS)



Precise Z-tagging & beam position from BT (INFN Pisa/Siena)



Linearity vs beam energy



Good linearity up to 1.6 TeV of ion energy with just the large area photodiode Energy resolution improves with A. Good agreement between data and MC



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Beam test with electrons







Electrons @ 50 GeV: the PD direct ionization has big impact on the energy deposit (and energy resolution) because all tracks are vertical



In order to study the prototype performance a FLUKA based simulation with detailed prototype geometry was developed

Mc data vs beam data

 Electrons @ 50 GeV energy deposit after geometrical selection of events with direction that does not intercept the PD (both in simulation and beam data)



Very good agreement between simulation and beam data

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Prototype upgrade (v2.0)



- Prototype mechanics completely redesigned
 - + 18 trays x 25 crystals each
 - trays mounted sideways!
- 18 layers along the beam line
 - active depth 35.0 $X_0 \rightarrow 1.6 I_1$
- 5x5 elements for each layer
- PDs placed laterally





First version of HYDRA chip (28 channels)

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- Two-PD readout
- 5x5x18 instrumented elements
- Tested with particle beam at CERN SPS:

Sep 2016	v2.0	µ,п,е 50->200 GeV
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Data analysis: INFN Florence+Pisa, CIEMAT Madrid

Conclusion

- The CaloCube R&D project, aiming to develop a novel design calorimeter, optimized for high-energy CR measurements in space, was presented.
- As a proof-test of the CaloCube concept, a prototype made of CsI(TI) and readout by PDs has been constructed and tested, in several versions, with particle beams.
 - Analysis under progress
 - Present results (3x3x15 detector matrix):
 - Better than 40% energy resolution for ions up to 30 GeV/n
 - Better than 1.5% energy resolution for electrons up to 200 GeV
 - Two-sensor readout tested (even if with reduced dynamic): small-PD performances comparable with large-PD ones @200 GeV
 - Next beam test @SPS in August 2017
 - Optimized optical coupling

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Spare slides

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Materials: energy resolution vs acceptance NFN

Proton @ 1TeV Effective geometric factor = GF_{single_face} * 5 * ε_{Selection}



Sensors



Large area photodiode VTH2090:

- Active area 84.64 mm²
- 1 MIP in CsI(TI) ~ 7fC
- Max signal 30 nC (>> CASIS range)



Small area photodiode VTH9412:

- Active area 1.6 mm²
- Max signal 300 pC (> CASIS range)



Energy resolution – e.m. showers



Signal induced by MIPs used to equalize crystal responses → v2.0 setup: noise ~ 60 \Rightarrow 80 ADC \Rightarrow <S/N>, MID \lesssim 10

Signal induced by showers used to equalize relative sensor responses R=L/S



Energy resolution for e.m. showers:

- Better than 1.5% up to 200 GeV with Large PDs
- Comparable performances with Small PD above 200 GeV